



**GOD LOVE**

### The Call to Decision

How is it with your soul today;  
Is Jesus abiding within?  
Are you ready should the summons come  
To leave this world of sin?

The time has come—you must decide  
Whom you will serve in this life;  
Will it be Jesus who died for you  
Or He who is the author of strife?

You cannot serve two masters;  
Today you must decide.  
Take Jesus and you'll surely find  
Him a friend who will betide.

Do not wait until it's too late  
To cry for help from above.  
Today is the day of salvation, my friend;  
Tomorrow may never come.

This life is swiftly passing by,  
Eternity is drawing near;  
Decide now ere it is too late,  
Sweet heaven's land to share.

—Shirley B. Cochran.

**THE GROUND OF**

EPH. 2:20

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"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is  
the day of salvation," 2 Cor. 6:2b.

1 TIM. 3:15

Oct. 27, 1945

# Notices

As I am now pastoring, I will not be available for revivals. My new address is 705 N. Main St., Shelbyville, Tenn.—A. J. Swift.

As I have a burden for the sick and afflicted I would be glad to anoint cloths and handkerchiefs for anyone who will send them to me, along with self-address, stamped envelop.—C. O. Lyons, Box 27, Pleasant Plains, Ark.

I will soon be ready for some revivals. I had to retire from the ministry on account of ill health but I feel a lot better and still have the burden for lost souls. If you would like to have me for a revival, I will be glad to serve you.—T. A. Richard, 218 Jarnigan Ave., North Chattanooga, Tenn.

Anyone having a good cheap tent to sell, please write me.—Rev. Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 3, Tullahoma, Tenn.

## Changes of Address of Ministers and Workers

J. B. Merritt: 339 Lucky St., Swainsboro, Ga.

Ray T. Hill: Old—Box 337, Lewiston, Idaho. New—1832 W. 3rd St., Davenport, Iowa. Phone 39009.

C. H. Blankenship, overseer of New York: Old—Rt. 1, Bandy, Va. New—146-53 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale 10, Long Island, N. Y.

The Church of God Bible Training School in Western Canada will open its fall term on November 5. A young people's convention has been planned prior to the opening of the Bible School, commencing Friday evening, November 2, continuing daily for Saturday and Sunday with three services on each day. The ministers' meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. All ministers in Western Canada are expected to be present. Pray for our Bible School as we are expecting the largest enrollment that we have ever had.—Wm. Pospisil, overseer of Western Canada.

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# Deaths

PAYNE

Sister Emmie Payne, a beloved mem-

ber of the Church of God at Buford, Ga., went to be with Jesus July 25, 1945; age seventy-five years.—Her cousin, Mrs. Lena McGinnis.

McEWEN

Mrs. Addie McEwen passed from this life to be with Jesus February 14, 1945. Our loss is heaven's gain.—Her daughter, Mrs. Geralline Darville, Box 481, Hialeah, Fla.

PENUEL

Sister Jeanette Lola Penuel was born

June 18, 1914, and went home to be with Jesus August 31, 1945; age thirty-one years, two months, and twelve days. She was a loyal member of the Harbor Church of God.—Roy J. Young, pastor, Houston, Tex.

DANIEL

Sgt. Ralph E. Daniel was killed in Germany April 11, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Daniel, of Sylacauga, Ala., formerly of Palmetto, Fla.—Mrs. M. F. Isbell, Rt. 4, Box 516, Sylacauga, Ala.

# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body; my little nine-year-old daughter's healing; my son who has head trouble; my husband. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Make Carter, Mershan, Ga.

My body. I have something wrong with my back, also have bad tonsils and stomach trouble.—Marie Burcham, Amelia, Va.

My brother Harry Johnson, White Pine, Tenn., to be saved and his body healed, he has had a stroke and is unsaved; my sister at Newport, Tenn., to be healed; my husband and son.—Sister Ethel Roberts, 1855 Champlain, Toledo 11, Ohio.

The healing of my body, I have a goitre and heart trouble; my unsaved loved ones.—Sister Evelyn Wood, 1862½ Erie St., Toledo, Ohio.

The healing of my sister's body, also my mother and me.—Eula O'Quinn, 1834½ Erie St., Toledo 11, Ohio.

The healing of my throat and lungs.

—Mrs. John Milligan, Rt. 2, Pisgah, Ala.

Sister Flora Fountain who had a stroke and whose blood is very high, she has no chance unless God undertakes for her; Sister Harold who has cancer of the stomach.—M. S. Mitchell, 429½ Marion St., Nashville, Ga.

My little girl who has something wrong with her speech, she is eleven years old and has never talked like she should.—Mrs. Benny F. Watters, Box 111, Apopka, Fla.

My husband and me to be healed; we need prayer for both soul and body.—Mrs. L. Folsom, La.

The healing of my body, I have gall bladder and stomach trouble, arthritis in my arms and back, and several other ailments.—Mrs. John Thompson, Rt. 3, Altus, Okla.

The healing of my body, I have gall children; my health to be restored.—Mrs. Julia Shannon, Holcomb, Miss.

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# Thirty Short Months

(A partial record of the achievements of the National Association of Evangelicals since its organization was completed in May, 1943.)

1. It has made available to the Christian churches for the first time in modern history a means of cooperation among the gospel-loving people of America, inclusive of denominations, mission boards, Christian educational institutions, single churches and individuals with a plan of fair representation for all, and organized to provide helpful service. Twenty denominations and hundreds of churches and other organizations, including more than one million members, have actually become affiliated during this period.

2. It has established offices with full-time staff in nine cities from coast to coast, and scores of functioning committees in other communities.

3. It has established the only war relief agency which combines the following essential features:

(a) A license to operate from the President's War Relief Control Board.

(b) Warehouse space, processing equipment, a means of transportation to Europe of the goods when they are processed.

(c) Responsible established evangelical organizations on the field which, in all cases, attend to the distribution and accompany this distribution with the gospel message. It is now working in four countries, and will be adding others soon. The value of the goods already sent, at present prices in Europe, amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

4. It has sponsored the establishment, for the first time in history, of an association of evangelical missions, which includes both denominational and interdenominational boards, but which is limited in membership to those subscribing to an evangelical statement of faith. It has the only office in Washington devoted to handling passports, visas, transportation, and providing other needed services for these boards. It is serving forty-two boards at present.

5. It has fostered the establishment of the only national association of gospel broadcasters devoted to the task of protecting the liberties of the gospel on the air. It has conducted three

national-wide surveys of religious broadcasting, which have brought startling facts regarding discriminatory practices out into the open. It has won recognition of the justice of its plea for adjustments by the networks and stations, which will provide a more equitable opportunity for gospel broadcasting. It is broadcasting on two national networks on sustaining time.

6. It has explored the need of an alignment of organizations engaged in week-day Christian education and Sunday School work, and has taken the initial steps for the organization of a national association of these groups. It has produced the outlines of a complete course of Biblical instruction designed for week-day Christian education. These courses are now in actual use.

7. It has pioneered in the field of industrial chaplaincies by exploring the sentiment of the leaders of industry and developing among them an interest in the establishment of such a service in their plants. It has arranged for conditioning courses for such chaplains at Wheaton College where the first class of applicants has already completed the course and has received diplomas. They are now being provided with situations.

8. It has conducted conferences on evangelism, evangelical rallies, conventions, institutes and retreats in practically every state in the Union, which have greatly stimulated evangelistic effort throughout the nation.

9. It has established a periodical, "United Evangelical Action," of news and opinion representative of the evangelical viewpoint. This has attained such a wide circulation that it is generally recognized as one of the important and profitable mediums of advertising.

10. Its annual national conventions have become the mecca of evangelicals throughout America. They have contributed greatly to understanding and Christian fellowship between all gospel-loving groups.

11. It maintains an effective organization to safeguard American principles of freedom in religion, reviewing all proposed legislation bearing upon the problem, and initiating action when necessary.

Still more and greater projects are in the making, and will be announced progressively during the coming month.

This great and growing movement for spiritual unity and cooperation among the Bible-believing, Christ-centered groups of our nation deserves your prayers, interest, participation, and support.

## LOOKING FOR ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

DADE CITY, Fla.—Praise God for sending Brother and Sister J. T. Holman and family, of Somerset, Ky., to Lacoochee, Fla., Church of God. Truly God was so good to us in sending this good pastor, and the Assembly year seemed to fly by. Services were good and a good spirit prevailed amongst the church from time to time. Although Brother Holman felt led to go, yet he knew he could have been with us for the new Assembly year. September 9 services were wonderful—both morning and evening. 'Twas such a sad yet sweet service. Sunday night as all were gathered together for Brother Holman's farewell message, God was with us in a wonderful way. It seemed heaven bent low and God's holy quietness was witnessed and felt, as he spoke to the church and congregation at large, and they in turn rendered their appreciation of their esteemed pastor, his good wife

and entire family, and praised God in a wonderful way. Truly God put His approval on that sad, sweet and sacred service. Each one hated to give them up, but was submissive to God's will, and pray God's richest blessings be upon them wherever they go and make them the blessing to others that they were to us.

In giving up the Holman family to return to Kentucky to another people, God in turn has given us another good man, Brother F. L. Braddock, and we welcome him and his good wife. We are looking for another good year in the Lord. Pray for us.—Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 74.

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# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## Homeless Jewish Children

A report from Tel Aviv states that, "Of the 10,000 Jewish children remaining in Budapest, 7,000 are wandering the streets, homeless and uncared for, according to a report received here. Shelter in orphanages has been obtained, so far, for only 3,000."

Additional to this number of homeless in a single city, "Only about 150,000 out of a total of 1,350,000 Jewish children who lived in central and eastern Europe before the war have survived the Nazi terror, according to Senator Justin Goddard, prominent French leader and president of the World Union OSE, organization for child care, health and hygiene among Jews."

## Jewish Christians

"According to The Home Missions Council of North America, there are 100,000 Christians in the United States of the Jewish race, among whom there are 145 ministers of the gospel."

## Arming Ourselves

There are always some who think of religion as all joy without any crosses, and when temptation and trials come they do not know how to humble themselves under the hand of God. Eph. 6:12 pictures the Christian "wrestling" against the "wiles" of the devil. God has an armor for us for either defensive or offensive warfare. We are responsible to use the armor God provided. Consequently, He expects us to stand even "in an evil day." We are required to do all we can to stand, and when we can do no more we are to stand still and see the salvation of God.

## Our Defense

We are to make whatever stand we are called upon with our loins girt with the truth. The truth is God's provision for us as against Satan's lies. We are to stand on the truth, by the truth, and for the truth. When we are thus armed we have on the "breastplate of righteousness" and have divine protection against the "wiles of the devil" in His righteousness.

## Active Christianity

Norman Thomas, former candidate for the presidency on the socialist platform, speaking at the Illinois Convention of the Disciples of Christ, stated that "Christianity has the secret of brotherhood, but organized Christianity has made poor use of it." As a former Presbyterian minister, Mr. Thomas recognizes the difference between religion in the heart and church membership.

## Religion in Russia

The *Converted Catholic Magazine* stated that, "According to Dr. Daniel A. Poling, in the N. Y. *Post* of last August 12, 'he affirms that not within fifty years or under any government (in Russia) have these Evangelical groups had so much freedom.' Dr. Poling conservatively sums up his own opinion of religious freedom in Russia as follows: 'Freedom of worship in Russia, with a great distance to go, has already gone a long distance.'"

"Today, according to Mr. Karpoff, head of the State Council for Religious Affairs in Russia, there are 16,000 functioning Orthodox churches in the Soviet Union, whereas before the revolution there were 54,000."

## Russian Church Buildings

MOSCOW.—Walls and domes of historic churches in Moscow, which were camouflaged at the outbreak of the war, are being restored to their original condition by a Soviet state committee headed by H. D. Vinogradov, Russian architect.

One by one, the once golden domes are beginning to appear in their original coloring. Among the domes already restored are those of the Annunciation Cathedral.

## Prayer

If a man ever starts to pray, he, by that act, acknowledges first that he is a sinner unsaved. He also confesses faith in God as Creator and Savior of mankind. He glorifies God in his confession. He enlists the power of the Almighty as his defense. He becomes the associate of angels, saints, and sages; and will be hated by men and devils, but loved by millions more.

## Russian Churches Destroyed

A wireless report out of Moscow states that a total of 1,670 Orthodox church buildings were destroyed or damaged during the Nazi occupation in Russia. In addition to this number, 237 Roman Catholic churches, 532 synagogues, 69 chapels, and 258 monasteries and church buildings of various kinds, were destroyed or damaged. Russian News Service reported 8,338 places of worship open in Russia in August, 1941. Of these, 4,225 were Orthodox.

## Religion Here and There

A strong layman's movement is reported in Germany—Rome reports that there are only two Catholic churches open in Russia, as compared to 1,195 churches and chapels before the revolution. Functioning in Moscow at present, are twenty-six Orthodox churches, as against 600 prior to the revolution.

## Fruit

There grows in the life of the Christian, as a result of the Spirit within, "love, joy, peace"—love for others, joy for their personal benefit, and, finally, peace with God and men. The Spirit is compassionate in dealing with all, therefore the Christian is made by the Spirit to be "longsuffering, gentle, and good" in dealing with others. He is made by the same Spirit to be "faithful, meek, and temperate" before God. When Christians are rash, unkind, impatient, cross, fussy, and critical, the Spirit is crowded out and the devil and the flesh are in control.

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# Revive Us, O LORD

J. Ray Campbell

To revive is to renew life; reproduction; spiritual awakening. Dear brother and sister, if ever there was a time in the history of the Church of God that a revival was needed, it is NOW.

We see so much modernism and sham religion until it makes us desirous for an old-time outpouring of God's grace and power, that will awaken the lost world and bring them down at the feet of the meek and lowly Christ. We hear the sinners and cold professor say, "The Church is dead," and to an extent it is, and we will have to admit it if it does break our hearts. Where are the old-time healing services, real demonstrations, Holy Ghost power and clean living? I'll tell you, brother, it is hard to find. We are becoming modern every day we live, and the only help for it is an old-time revival that will stir up our love for Pentecostal FIRE. An evangelist alone cannot bring a revival, no matter how good a preacher he is, or how eloquent he may be. It will take the Spirit of God in the lives of the church members and ministry who are willing to pray nights and days for a God-sent revival.

Community clubs, socials, suppers, and parties will not improve the spirituality of the Church. There must be some preparation for such an outpouring of God's mighty power. You remember the widow's little cruse of oil, how it filled all the borrowed pots. Her faith was mixed with works. The results of Pentecost were not effected by campaigning for membership or contesting for large numbers, but the Spirit had been promised and they were candidates for the power that went with it.

Let us notice the preparation that preceded Pentecost.

## THEY HAD FOLLOWED CHRIST

He had spoken the words that brought peace to their souls and they had left all to follow the One who proclaimed that He was the WAY.

He was the simple way that fishermen could follow and be comforted by His friendship. He was the consecrated way, set apart from the world, the way of sacrifice and love, and they had followed Him in the WAY.

He said, "I am the truth." In Him we find the language of God to man. If we love Him, let us follow the truth, for if we fail to follow we will

surely make shipwreck. Some have turned away from the truth that made them free, and have gone after the things of the world, then wonder why we don't have those old-time revivals. Why, Brother, the days of revivals have not passed, but the same old-time praying and fasting and power-seeking that brought Pentecost will have the same effect today. Truth is still truth and cannot be changed by modern times and fashion. I believe the same power that operated on the heart of Paul will have the same effect upon this God-hating, pleasure-seeking generation.

## HE WAS THE LIFE

Christ has always brought life to those who would trust Him and follow in the way. Christ said, "My words are life." And Philip preached unto them Christ and there was great joy because a great revival had broken out. Spiritual life will awaken the souls and lives of the spiritual dead and fill them with a power that will lift them above the level of this world. He commanded them to tarry until they were filled.

With power and not program, not funny books, not worldliness, not with the applause of men, but with the power of the Holy Ghost.

As they gathered for that great day they were all of one accord and the joy of a Christlike life was flooding their souls, peace and love from heaven filled them, and my, what a meeting they had.

## THEY WERE LOOKING TOWARD HEAVEN

Their affections were not upon styles and fashion, formalism, good looks, fine automobiles, who could build the finest church house; but they were looking to heaven above. They had seen Jesus when He went up; He had promised to send the promise of the Father from above, and they were expecting it. "Oh," you say, "they lived in a different age." Sure, and they had a different experience with God, that knocked the world out of them.

You say, "My hair (and dresses) hasn't had time to grow out." I also know that too, for you haven't been saved but about ten years and I notice it is shorter now than then. That is funny, isn't it? When we become in-

terested in a revival of souls we will be willing to conform to the Bible way and consecrate ourselves to God's holy will.

They were not tattling about their neighbors, but were talking to God about the wonderful promise spoken of by the prophet Joel, and asking Him to fulfill it in their lives, that they might be a blessing to others and be soul-winners that would shine as the stars forever.

Oh, how our souls should long for an old-time revival where people will be filled with such a godly influence that they will cry aloud with the power and fire in their souls that will stir up the community and bring the lost to seeking Christ. But these days people claim to get it all and don't make enough noise to disturb that sleeping deacon on the front seat. I'm afraid we have become so programmed by artificial works that we have forgotten the password, TARRY UNTIL. Oh yes, we have some "tarry until" folk who tarry at the funny-book stand, hot dog and pop joint, and beauty parlor until they are filled, but not with the power of God. But you say, "Times have changed." And so have a lot of old-time shouting people. Some have lost their power with God and we sit around and say nothing about it for fear it will effect our standing with the state overseer or some of the officials. Why, brother, I am convinced that our leaders will rejoice at the preaching of God's Word in its fulness, and stand by us one hundred per cent, for the Church of God was born by old-time preaching, so wake up, my brother, and let us let the gospel fly.

On the day of Pentecost you didn't see a group of God's ministers all hugged up in a corner telling some dirty yarn that would be a reproach to the holiness movement, but they were praising God in the highest and expecting every moment to feel something from the glory world that would put a "go ye" in their souls that the devil couldn't stop. They were in the upper room; not in the supper room, trying to fill some one's stomach. I am persuaded that if we would spend as much time praying and fasting as we do trying to put on a big feed to collect a few dollars, God would sup-

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## The Maryland, Delaware, Eastern Virginia, and Washington, D. C., District Prepares for Great Youth for Christ Congress

The Maryland ministers' meeting had just nicely gotten under way when the subject of "Youth" came up for consideration. A spark of enthusiasm was soon kindled and is now being fanned into a flame as a great program is being prepared for a YOUTH CONGRESS. A committee of action to draft a program, covering the activities of the youth in the congress to come, was appointed, consisting of Rev. W. P. Stallings, Rev. F. B. Marine, and Rev. J. A. Rafferty. This committee has already begun its task of arranging for this great YOUTH FOR CHRIST gathering. There will be plenty of time given for religious instruction and old-fashioned revival fire and spirituality in this congress. Time will also be devoted to recreation as the Board of Camp Directors has already met at the campground on the Maryland peninsula, and given the "GO" signal to the YOUTH COMMITTEE to begin preparation on the camp for whatever is needed. Cottage construction will soon begin, and a place cleared for young people's recreation by way of good, wholesome, clean sport, under capable supervision. I presume the morning sessions will be devoted to Bible classes and special devotion. The afternoon will no doubt be high-lighted with hymn singing and fellowship, followed by a period for youth recreation, etc. Then the night session will be evangelistic. A fine faculty is being selected for this work and the night evangelist will be some live wire for God, who will climax his message with a great altar service.

The fee will certainly be nominal. **THINK OF IT, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE WHOLE MARYLAND CAMP WILL BE TURNED OVER TO YOU FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS FOR YOU TO USE.** Watch for an extensive program outlined in the Evangel soon.

We are not confining this youth congress just to our district of three states and D. C., but the youth of neighboring states are invited to come. Yes, come from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the Virginias, Ohio, and Michigan. This will be the first Youth Congress ever to be held in the Church of God on this order, but mark my word, it's going to be a SUCCESS! The Congress will close with the opening night of the Maryland camp meeting. The

date has already been set for the Youth Congress and Camp Meeting between July 22 and August 4, 1946. The congress will end on the night of July 26, which will also be the opening date of the camp meeting. Yes, the machinery is being set up and will soon be in high gear.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

The camp has a well-equipped dining hall and kitchen, as well as a fine lunch stand. This is a new building, a tabernacle well seated, and which will be beautifully decorated. This building will seat at least one thousand people. There is a fine commodious dormitory and a number of fine two-story cabins, besides the new cabins to be built. The camp is

dotted with beautiful trees—hickory, maple, oak, and pine. Oh yes, we have a fine camp caretaker, who has already started his painting and beautifying of the camp. Outstanding signs will soon be erected, advertising the Youth Congress and Camp Meeting. The camp is located fourteen miles from Cambridge, Md., and about three miles from Hurlock, Md. It is only a few miles from the Chesapeake Bay where there is fine fishing and boating. Young people, suppose that the committee works out a plan to grant you this great congress for the small fee of about \$12 for four days, for room, board, and registration fee; yes, all for about \$12, would you come? The whole thing for only about \$12! Well, that is about what they will do, but watch the Evangel and the Maryland state paper, the "COLLABORATOR," for full details.—Paul H. Walker, State Overseer.

## What Is the Baptism in the Holy Ghost?

### BIBLE STUDY

By Glenn C. Pettyjohn

1. It is not the new birth. Compare—  
Acts 8:12 with Acts 8:14-17.  
Acts 9:3-6 with Acts 9:17.  
Acts 19:1, 2, 5 with Acts 19:6.
2. It is not sanctification. Compare—  
John 15:3 (and see John 17:17) with Acts 1:4. Sanctification is an operation of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:2), but the Baptism is the reception of the Spirit. Acts 8:15, 16; 10:45, 47; 19:2.
3. The baptism of the Spirit is:
  - a. Being baptized with the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ, Matt. 3:11, 12; Acts 11:16.
  - b. Being filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4; 9:17; Eph. 5:18.
  - c. The Holy Ghost falling on one. Acts 8:16; 10:44-47; 11:15; Acts 19:6.
  - d. Receiving the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:15; 19:2.
  - e. Receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 3:38; 10:45 (poured out).
  - f. God giving the Holy Ghost. Acts 5:32; 8:18; 15:8; John 7:37-39.
4. The conditions for receiving the Spirit are:
  - a. Regeneration. Acts 2:38.
  - b. Baptism in water. Acts 2:38; 8:12; 19:5. In exceptional cases immersion follows the receiving of the Spirit. Acts 9:17; 10:47, 48.
  - c. Obedience to God's will. Acts 5:32.
  - d. Prayer and faith. Luke 11:13; Gal. 3:2, 14; John 7:39.
  - e. Tarrying sometimes necessary. Luke 24:49; Acts 8:16 (waiting inferred). It is through faith and patience that we inherit the promises. Heb. 5:12.
  - f. Thirst. John 7:37; Isa. 55:1; Matt. 5:6.
5. The methods of receiving the Spirit are:
  - a. Suddenly, while waiting. Acts 2:4. Suddenly, while hearing the Word. Acts 10:44.
  - b. Through prayer followed by the laying on of hands. Acts 8:17; 19:6.
  - c. Through prayer and earnest desire (drinking). Luke 11:13; Eph. 5:18.
6. Some results are:
  - a. Immediate.
    - (1) Speaking in an unknown tongue. Acts 2:4; 8:18 with 2:33; 10:46; 19:6; 1 Cor. 14:18.
  - b. Permanent.
    - (1) Jesus Christ glorified and revealed. John 15:26; 16:14, 15.
    - (2) Power in witnessing. Acts 1:8; 2:41; 4:8, 31, 32; 5:32; John 15:26, 27; 1 Cor. 2:4, 5.
    - (3) Miracles and gifts. Acts 7:55; 13:9-11; Rom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 12:8-10.

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## SPECIAL PRAYER DAY, NOVEMBER 10

### Pray for Deliverance of Herman Lauster From Prison

Brother Herman Lauster, an ordained minister in the Church of God, is now being held as a German prisoner of war in Great Britain. Of course, the British authorities do not know him from other German prisoners, since, no doubt, most of them now claim that they have never favored the Nazi regime. Since there are so many thousands of these prisoners, it necessarily takes lots of red tape to get any investigation concerning any one of them.

The Mission Department has done, and is still doing, all it can possibly do to effect Brother Lauster's release, but they have requested that a special day of prayer be called in his behalf since our twelve churches, which he established in Germany under severe Nazi persecution, need his leadership.

#### DELIVERED THROUGH PRAYER FROM A NAZI PRISON

On March 5, 1939, special prayer was made for the release of Brother

Lauster from the Nazi prison, and on March 16, just eleven days later, he was delivered from prison. For a more complete account see "History of Church of God Missions," published by the Church of God Mission Board.

We believe His Majesty, King of England, and those officials entrusted with the responsible positions in the British Government are God-fearing men. We are not blaming them for this delay, but know that the God who moved on the Nazi regime to free Brother Lauster in 1939 can move on the British authorities to free him now.

I, therefore, as General Overseer of the Church of God, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 10, 1945, as a special day of prayer for the release of Brother Lauster from the British prisoner of war camp.

(Signed) JOHN C. JERNIGAN,  
General Overseer,  
The Church of God.

### Determined To Meet Jesus in Peace

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—I truly praise God for His goodness to me and my family and for His love which reached my heart one day and caused me to see myself as He saw me—lost and undone. I accepted that precious love and I am determined to meet Jesus in peace. I have precious jewels in heaven I expect to meet some day. Things happen in this life that we do not understand, but we will understand it all by-and-by. I praise the Lord for His many blessings and for what I feel in my soul right now.

I praise God for His great healing power, because I know it is real. About a week ago I was taken seriously ill. My feet and limbs were swollen so badly I could hardly stand on them. I had a high temperature and my head hurt so I could hardly see. My folks kept begging me to see a doctor. I went to the doctor and he told me I would have to stay in bed for a month, said I needed to be in the hospital. I came back home and went to bed. The next day our good pastor and his wife came and prayed for me. I told my little girl to throw my medicine away, I was going to trust God. They came every day and prayed for me. Sunday afternoon about two-thirty our good pastor and his wife and a number of the good

saints of God came in and sang some good old songs and prayed for me and God wonderfully healed my body. I have been up working ever since. I went to church Sunday night. I give God all the praise. Bless His name.

We praise God for our dear pastor, Brother James H. Clark, and his wife, who labor hard for the work here. We are praying and believing God for many souls. Pray that this church will be a lighthouse to weary pilgrims and that they will find rest for their souls. I love the Church of God and believe its teachings, if lived, will make one ready for the rapture. Pray for us here at West Nashville.—Sister Lillie Lackey, 6109 N. Y. Ave.

#### Let's Keep the Faith

ALARKA, N. C.—The Evangel, the greatest paper on earth! We thank God for it and trust it will continue to grow, as it was the means of my finding God's Church. I had gone to a friend's home twenty-two years ago and she gave me some meat. She wrapped it in a Church of God Evangel, and as I was going home I sat down to rest and I happened to notice and saw the best reading I had ever seen. My, how it thrilled my soul and I soon subscribed for it. I will never forget how good I felt. Oh, the spirit that was in that paper did me so

much more good than the meat that was wrapped in it. We can get soul food out of it; it has good sermons and testimonies from God's children. Let's all be led by the Spirit of the living God and keep the paper clean so it will be a blessing to all. It surely is a blessing to my home. I have laid it on sick folks and prayed for them and God would heal. We pray it to bless wherever it is needed.

Well, if we are called to pray for the sick it is better to lay the Evangel on than to give up and tell the sick to call the doctor. The doctor is all right for some but we Church of God folks should trust God. If Lazarus had sent for the doctor God wouldn't have received any glory. If someone sends after us to come pray for the sick he surely has faith, but if we tell him to send for the doctor it hurts him. God help us to be a separated people from the world and to live closer to Him so He can prove His power in us. We find in His Word what to do when we get sick and the world knows what it says, then for someone to give up and go to earthly remedies, they get offended. God help us to be a light to the dying world. Let's keep the faith that Daniel and the Hebrew children had. Let's not get scared. Blessed is he that waits on the Lord. I have been healed of cancer and tumor by the power of God, when it looked like it couldn't be done. I said, "Lord, I am in your hands, have your glory." Space will not permit my telling all God has done for me.—Sarah York.

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# IGNORANCE

By O. E. Wright

Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

Job 21:14, "Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways."

Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

Ignorance is one thing that God doesn't excuse anyone for. Yet, with all of our nice schools, colleges, seminaries, etc., I am afraid some are still ignorant, that is, of the spiritual things of God. 1 Cor. 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: because they are spiritually discerned." "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God," 1 Cor. 3:19.

It is nice to know how far off the moon, stars, and sun are, but the main thing that we need to know is God and His Word. The things of this world will pass away, but His Word will never pass away, so we see the reason why the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. Brothers and sisters, what we need to preach is "Thus saith the Word" and not something we learn in some seminary. People are fed up with what some big professor said. They want to know what God's Word said. Brother, if you really want wisdom, do what James said in James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Don't misunderstand me, I am not against schools, colleges, etc. I think they are fine, but the main thing we need to know is God and His Word. If you don't know the true God and His Word, then you are still ignorant.

Solomon was a wise man, but he got his wisdom from God. 2 Chron. 1:7-12, "In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great

mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. Now, O Lord God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, much as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like."

We read in Jer. 4:22 where people are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no understanding. Some people know all about politics, but when it comes to the Bible, they are ignorant. They can sit down and figure you out of house and home, but ask them about the things of God and they are ignorant.

Some ministers have gotten the idea that they have to use big words, that they have to use the dictionary to know what they mean themselves, to be wise. But I am afraid that you are wrong. The common class of people doesn't care to hear something that even the preacher doesn't understand himself. Paul was a highly educated man but he didn't let it go to his head. Whatever class of people he was with, he made himself one of them. Brother, sister, we need education all right, but we need wisdom from God with it.

Proverbs 11:30 says, "He that winneth souls is wise." May God give us wisdom to know how to get to that poor old drunken sot and that poor old cast-out woman, who are looked down on by the ones that claim to be wise. 1 Cor. 2:1-7. Brethren, this is the kind of wisdom we need.

God needs educated men and women with wisdom. I don't know whether

the apostles had any degrees or not; in fact, they claimed they didn't. But one thing they did have, and that was wisdom from God.

1 Cor. 1:18-31, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

## Expecting Our Best Year

SEMINOLE, Okla.—The Church of God in Seminole is still on fire for good. We have had a wonderful year, for which we give God the praise.

We have some of the best people to work with. We are back for another year and plan to build a new church. We want this to be our best year for God, so pray that His will be done.—B. M. Woolwine, 512 Hoover.





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## Convention at Villipuram, India

We do praise the Lord for the opportunity of having the annual district convention of the Church of God in India in Villipuram, May 23-27, in spite of the rationing of food. In answer to pray, everything was successful.

The morning tarrying meetings began at 5 a. m. In every meeting we felt the power of God and all the saints were quickened and anointed by the Holy Spirit. They were refreshed and there was great joy in the camp.

At 10 a. m. the holiness meetings began. Heart-searching messages were given by the anointed servants of God for the edification of the Church and the believers were led to a higher standard of sanctification. The presence of God was manifested in these meetings and some fell under the power of God while praying.

At 3:00 p. m. we held testimony meetings. The Spirit of the Lord worked in such a wonderful way and the believers testified with tears in their eyes of their conversions and their sufferings for the sake of our Lord. Some of our precious souls who have been converted from idol worship gave remarkable testimonies, telling of how they had suffered from persecution from their own parents, relatives, and others for the cause of Christ. Others testified to wonderful healings. The power of God fell and the Spirit manifested His presence—some spoke in tongues and others danced in the Spirit. Hallelujah!

Each evening at 6 p. m. we held our open-air services in the streets of the town. All our believers, including the sisters, marched in line with gospel music and singing. Crowds followed us and we gave the Word of Life to the hungry souls. As many of our believers gave their testimonies, the people listened to the gospel with the fear of God upon them.

The Gospel meeting began at 8:00 p. m. The power of God fell at the beginning of our services and all were immersed by the heavenly anointing. Indeed, the presence of the Lord was very real and many gave their hearts

to the Lord and were sanctified.

On the last day of our convention we had the baptismal service. All our believers marched to the pond where we had ample water for immersion. Many outsiders and heathen followed us. Five followed the Lord in water baptism and when hands were laid upon them before the baptism, the power of God fell and two of the five received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. Later we had the joy of partaking of the Lord's supper and feet washing. We were filled with His presence and we could not help rejoicing in the Lord. As the power of God was manifested in our midst, it was like the great noise of a mighty wind on the day of Pentecost. We were loath to part and felt like spending more days in the presence of God, and we can only say that it is the work of the Lord. Let us magnify His name forever. Praise the Lord.—S. S. Samuel.

## "Behold I Set Before You an Open Door"

About seventy-five years ago the door to the great mission fields of the world began to swing wide open. Men like Hudson Taylor, William Carey, and others began to be moved on by the Holy Spirit with a mighty compassion for souls, for the heathen dying in the darkness of sin. God was preparing His Church for a great forward movement that would carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. This work has been going on with many and varied tokens of the divine approval of God for more than fifty years, and millions of men, women, and young folks of every color and every nation have been born again and swept into the kingdom of God.

Then came the first World War with its crippling of funds and the turning of men's minds from the major task of obeying God's command to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Then after a period of years, just as the great work of giving Christ to the heathen was again moving forward, along came World War II. In free China, for example, as a cause of the war, instead of there being 3,000

missionaries there are only approximately 350.

Even when there were 3,000 missionaries trying to minister to the vast spiritual needs of 350,000,000 people, the effort was inadequate. What then must be the situation at the present time? China, like a fast awakening giant rising to take its place in the great family of nations, putting on the garments of civilization, has underneath the same old pagan heart, is in deadly peril, and can easily become a menace to the rest of the world unless the Christian church, the Church of God, comes to her help.

America has had a stable foundation, the faith of our fathers, but China can only look back to a dead, heathen, idolatrous past. It is a mighty challenge to the living, praying Christian. It presents an open door for service like none has ever presented it to any previous generation.

"Behold I set before you an open door"—the crucified hand of the exalted Christ is holding the door open for the Church to enter and work in His harvest field. The fields stand white and the great full ears are drooping and heavy for the harvest, the Master is calling, "Where are the reapers?"

Many of our young people are even now preparing themselves to enter this work as soon as they can. They are studying the Bible, learning the languages, and in every way preparing themselves for the last great missionary effort of the Church. Our great movement is beginning to feel the moving and impulse of the Holy Spirit. We should step swiftly through this "open door" into the mission fields of the world, to be found working diligently in the glorious cause when the trumpet sounds and Christ calls His waiting bride up to be with Him for ever.—T. W. Kennington.

The consciousness of duty done gives us music at midnight.—George Herbert.

# Reports from the Field

## A Wonderful Day

On the fifth Sunday in September, the 30th, we had our home-coming at the Church of God at New Summit. Truly it was a wonderful day, for God was in our midst. Visiting ministers were: M. B. Norris, Brooks Youngblood, G. W. Chandler, F. C. Norris. Truly we thank God for having all these good brethren with us, also for the three Mrs. Norrises and children.

After a good Sunday School lesson we had special songs by the Norrises, also a number by Brother Youngblood, after which Rev. F. C. Norris brought a wonderful message. A nice mission offering was then taken.

After a good dinner spread at noon we gathered back for the afternoon service. We had some more good singing and special numbers by different ones. After a good testimony service Brother Brooks Youngblood, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, stepped into the pulpit and delivered a message that stirred us all. We thank God for this day and for these brothers.

New Summit is doing things. Since the Assembly we have raised twenty cents a member for aged ministers' pension, almost have our \$1.00 a member mission, have bought \$157 worth of building material to go on the parsonage, and have our winter's wood. We are praying for a great year here at New Summit.—A. R. Willingham, pastor, Rt. 1, Bauxite, Ark.

## New Church in Springfield, Mo.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

From the very depths of my soul I am praising God for the way He leads His children along. Sometimes the paths lead us to mountain heights, where, with eyes of faith, we look beyond this world of sorrow and woe and view our eternal home sweet home. Then again, we walk the valleys low, sometimes failing to see the fair Lily of the valley and lovely Rose of Sharon growing there, failing also to feed in the green pastures and to drink of the still waters.

The valley route is too many times

marked by tears and stumbling stones, where our already toil-worn feet are bruised, but we have learned to look up through the tears and say, "Thou knowest the way I take: when thou hast tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

God led my husband and me to Springfield in February. We at once looked for the Church of God. We found a little mission on the outskirts of the city. Knowing that God would have His Church, which His Son purchased with His own blood, in a more centrally located place on a good street, easily found, we waited before Him. After several months of waiting, praying, weeping, and driving miles looking at halls and store buildings, one bright morning He led us to a vacant church building and said, "This is the place." Not for a minute did I doubt His Word, even in the face of every imaginable hindrance that immediately faced us.

The day came when we opened the doors, and a four weeks' revival was held. Rev. G. R. Watson, our state overseer, then came and set the church in order with fourteen members and more to come in soon. Springfield now has two churches. To God we give the praise!

Rev. R. Nicely, of Kansas City, is to be the pastor over this work as my husband and I are already looking at other fields "white unto harvest."

Visitors and newcomers to our city are invited to come to the church which is located at 918 W. Locust Street. We will be glad to visit your loved ones at O'Reilly hospital, or anywhere in the city. We need the prayers of God's people for this new work.—Mrs. Mabel Maddeford, 2713 Mt. Vernon St.

## Washington, N. C., Home-Coming

The home-coming was grand. It seemed everyone could enjoy the blessings of God. His power was there in a wonderful way, the saints shouting in the old-fashioned way. The testimonies were inspiring, and Brother Collier, the pastor, preached to us the necessity of prayer and what prayer can do. Several ministers, friends, and visitors from other churches helped to make it one of the best home-comings, and the offering

was a few cents over one hundred dollars on the building program. Brother Collier and Brother Little hope to have the building shut in in a few months, with the good people's help. Pray for our success.—Mrs. T. L. Little.

## We Had a Good Time

NAUGATUCK, W. Va.—On September 16 we had our home-coming and dedication day here in Naugatuck. Brother H. L. Marcum preached the dedicational sermon. Our pastor, Brother E. R. Noel, is doing his best for us and Brother Jay Smith, our Sunday School superintendent, is so faithful and does all he can. We also have other good brothers and sisters. We surely had a good time in the Lord on home-coming day and I still feel happy in my soul. We had visiting preachers with us and plenty of good dinner. We are praying for a revival now. Pray for us.—Old Mother Fannin, Box 3.

## Washington, N. C., Camp Meeting

The Church of God camp meeting was the best for years. The good spirit and presence of God could be felt in most every service. The messages were good and helpful. Brother H. L. Hutchenson was the evangelist. He preached old-time holiness straight and clean. The Dean sisters and Brother Harrell Smith helped so much in singing and music. People came to hear and learn. The good behavior and attendance was splendid. Fourteen testified to being saved, seven sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We trust the good spirit of this meeting will last on and on.—Clerk of Snow Branch, Mrs. T. L. Little, Rt. 3.

## Had a Wonderful Year.

ODESSA, Tex.—I don't have words to express just how God has been blessing us here at Odessa church. The last week of the Church year the revival spirit seemed to get in every heart; the saints would meet at the church every day for prayer and four were baptized in water and six came in the church. We have had a wonderful year with the Lord.

Brother and Sister O. L. Gates have worked faithfully. They have gone to another field to labor for Jesus. It is hard to part with friends and loved ones in this world, but we do thank God if we hold out faithfully we will meet some time to never part again. We are expecting a good year this year.—Mrs. Callie Eaton, clerk.

## REVIVE US, O LORD

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ply our need and give us good people that would support the cause of Christ, and we would shout the victory when we see the souls we have helped to win.

In the UPPER ROOM. Shut in with God. Shut out from the world with its attractions, away from the whirling, hurrying masses of the worldly-minded. In the room of consecration, giving themselves wholly to God and His cause. Being conformed to God's Word and praying for power that would make them **EFFECTIVE IN GOD'S SERVICE**.

Our religion without God is just as dry as that of any other formal professor, and less effective, because the poor unbelievers are looking for something that will stir their souls to the core, and when we leave the old-time, sanctifying power out of our experience, we become as dry as a last year's bird nest, and as cold as the icebergs of the northern seas.

What we need NOW is an old-time Pentecostal, fire-baptized, devil-rebuking, sick-healing, shouting, tongue-talking, praying-through revival that will bring the multitudes on the street corners to see what is going on in the inside of our souls, and make them hungry for God. This kind of power will separate our people from the modern world and give us victory with which God will be pleased.

"Well," you say, "we are having revivals." Yes, to be sure, but what kind are some of them? about as formal as the handshake crowd. It will last about a week and then it's **GONE WITH THE WIND**. We have nicknamed the old-timer who fears no one but God, and would preach his convictions in the face of the devil. We call him a mud-slinger. But I had rather have a mud-slinger who could make his mud stick than to have a whitewasher, for the first little rain that comes will wash it off. We will just have to hand it to the old-time **SO-CALLED MUD-SLINGER**. He surely had some old-time, praying-through revivals and you and I are living from the results of his labors. In some of these so-called revivals with the great reports, you almost have to put on ear phones to tell whether they **GOT IT** or not. They get saved without emotion, sanctified without joy (if there is such a thing), and filled, they say, and only a little

crowd close to them says, "You got it." Then the seeker becomes a doubter, because someone has to tell him he got something he didn't know for himself.

## THERE WAS A SOUND FROM HEAVEN

God bless your heart, when God speaks there will be something happening like an atomic bomb. Sinners will pray through, hearts be broken up, the spiritual blind will see the light of God's face and cry out, "Lord, that I might receive my sight." O God, do send the fire into our midst, is my humble prayer.

Praise God, they left there full of joy and power, speaking in other tongues as the **SPIRIT** gave utterance. This thing we call holiness was born in a flame of fire and it will fall to progress if we put the fire out by

compromising with the devil and the world.

## THEY SAW SOMETHING

Fire sat upon each of them. Now we all know fire has a tendency to draw the crowd, but when the fire has been put out the crowd disperses and begins to pity the man for his losses. Brother, don't let us get in that condition. Fire is the most natural way of heating we have, and it has come down through all the ages, and so has the fire of God; so let us stick to the old-time Holy Ghost fire. Fire will heat up the souls of men and bring the frozen to the fireside. We talk about our power, and the world is looking for it, they have a right to expect it from us; we teach it, claim it, testify to what God has done; now I think it is about time we showed them some real fire, not **FOX FIRE**.

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## CHURCH OF GOD IN HOMERVILLE, GEORGIA



Above is the beautiful brick veneer Church of God in Homerville, Ga., which was constructed under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. W. T. Ogden. The 30x50 auditorium is neatly finished inside with sheet rock and celotex, while the fourteen windows and fluorescent light fixtures do their part in adding beauty to this building. An annex is found on the back, consisting of three Sunday School rooms 12x14 feet. The value of this building has been estimated as high as \$8,000, but the actual cost was approximately \$4,000. This church was dedicated June 10, 1945, by our esteemed state overseer, Rev. L. W. McIntyre.

We appreciate the good work that our pastor is doing, not only in Homerville but on the entire Valdosta district.—A. L. Denmark.



# REVIVALS

**SWINK, Okla.**—My husband, Leonard White, and Brother John Burton conducted a successful revival here with twenty-one saved, four sanctified, fourteen baptized in water and three added to the church. We are going to try to build a church, so pray that we will be able to do so.—Mrs. Leonard White.

**DOWLING PARK, Fla.**—In our three weeks' revival, with Brother F. W. Hudson as the evangelist, several were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, one baptized in water and one added to the church. The saints were greatly blessed.

The Lord is blessing in other ways too. We plan to build a church. The last Sunday of the revival we had all-day service with Brother Hudson bringing the morning message, anointed by the Holy Ghost, after which an offering was taken, amounting to \$351.—Mrs. Theo. Henderson, Rt. 5, c/o Katie Arnold, Live Oak, Fla.

**PINE BLUFF, Ark.**—A very successful revival has just been held by Rev. J. H. McDowell in which eleven were saved, nine sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and eleven added to the church. We praise God for sending Brother Bobby Barger with Brother McDowell. He was a great help to the young people. Pray for me.—R. C. Coody, Rt. 6, Box 105-A.

**BLAIRSVILLE, Ga.**—We have just closed a revival with Rev. Fred Woody, our pastor, in charge. He did some wonderful preaching. Brother G. G. Humphries preached four sermons. Ten were saved, ten reclaimed, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. We had a wonderful time in the Lord.—Mrs. I. G. Fortenberry, Rt. 1.

**CHRISTOPHER, Ky.**—We have recently closed a two weeks' revival in which seven were converted, five sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, three added to the church, and three baptized in water. This meeting was the result of the saints praying and fasting, and the Holy Ghost power and His blessings were felt in a mighty way.—R. H. Bell, pastor.

We just closed a ten-day revival in Beattyville, Ky., with fifteen saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, two healed, and one renewed. Pray for us.—Mrs. Mattie McIntosh, 201 N. Church St., New Carlisle, Ohio.

**CHILLICOTHE, Mo.**—We had a successful revival with Brother Dale Clark as the evangelist. Brother Clark is a very serious minister and his messages were an inspiration to the church. God blessed with three precious souls saved and much good accomplished.—Earl T. Golden, pastor.

**S. LEBANON, Ohio**—We are very glad to announce that we are much encouraged with our new pastor,

Brother Arlie Starn. We surely have some wonderful services and blessings from God during the past three weeks. Brother Starn has started a project to install new rest rooms and running water in the basement of our new church and it is wonderful how the pledges are pouring in.—Offit Morris, Box 151.

**VENICE, Fla.**—Mrs. Ida Mae Haddock's preaching here has certainly caused God to bless us. This is her first preaching since she had a real bad sickness, but she has been healed and is back in His work. Pray for God to hold her up to witness for Him.—Mrs. J. L. Carver.

**SHAWNEE, Okla.**—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here with Rev. T. D. Mooneyham, of B.T.S. as evangelist. We appreciate Brother and Sister Mooneyham and his preaching, and their singing was an

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inspiration to us. Eleven were saved, four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and eight added to the church. We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here. Every department of our church is growing. We had one hundred fifteen in Sunday School one Sunday. That is a record attendance.—R. S. Sullivan.

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TUSCUMBIA, Ala.—I praise the Lord for the revival we had at Sunnyside held by Sister Emma Newman and her coworker, Sister Deese. God surely blessed us and renewed the Holy Ghost and eight were saved. The Sunday School record was broken September 2, 1945, when one hundred fifteen were saved. Our church is located five miles from Tuscumbia.—Mrs. Leoma Byrd.

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We praise the Lord for what He has done for us at South Mt. Zion. Praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother D. I. Haire; he is a man who preaches the Word without fear. We had a four nights' meeting in which the Lord surely blessed. We have large crowds every Sunday night. I thank the Lord for what He means to me just now; I praise Him for healing me.—Mrs. R. A. White, Donalsonville, Ga.

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I have just closed a very successful revival in Avans, Ga., where Brother Hall is pastor. Twenty were saved, eleven sanctified, and fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost. We certainly praise the Lord for the way He blessed and poured out His Spirit.—Joseph W. West, 108 Sawyer Street.

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RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—A wonderful revival was held at the new church at Russell Springs. Eight were saved and twelve added to the church. We had large crowds, fine messages, and special singing by Brother and Sister Smeltzer.—Willis Carden, pastor.

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HIGDEN, Ark.—A very good revival was held here with Rev. W. L. French, of Cave City, Ark., as evangelist. Brother French is a faithful and prayerful minister and lives close to God so that God can reveal some hidden things to Him. One was saved and three added to the church. Pray for us.—Sallie Bailey.

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HATTIESBURG, Miss. — We have

just closed a good revival at Hattiesburg, Miss. We had Rev. Alton Edenfield and party, Brother James Cooper and Brother Cecil Knight. The evangelistic party is gone but the revival spirit is still here. Some are still

praying through. Seventy-three were saved, sixty-seven sanctified, thirty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five baptized in water, and twenty-five added to the church.—Rev. G. C. Dunn, pastor; Ruth H. Dunn, reporter.



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## REVIVE US, O LORD

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for it is perfectly harmless and doesn't have the least warmth about it; so is a fox-fire experience. We used to shout down a revival but people have learned better now and we will have to show them some real power and evidence of God in our lives.

And they went forth preaching THE WORD and great power was upon them, and by their hands great miracles were performed, souls by the thousands were saved, the fire broke out and burned into the dark corners and brought men to light and knowledge of the saving power of Christ Jesus.

### THEY BEGAN TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

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Some pastors, when applying for an evangelist, will want to know if you have music and do you shout a lot. This is all good, but, brother, give me that old-time power and the saints can make enough music in their souls to alarm the whole community. Witnessing for Christ! Why, I haven't heard a sermon on divine healing in four years, only what I read in books, and you don't know whether they are true or not. And sanctification is just about a thing of the past. Yes, when the Church put more stress on these things more souls were saved in the good old way, and they didn't BLOW AWAY WITH THE WIND.

I think the greatest need in the good Church of God today is a revival in the rank of the ministry. We need some men with backbone like Peter had on the day of Pentecost (hear his voice ring out, "YOU who crucified Christ"), with the brass of John the Baptist before Herod, Paul before Agrippa. These messages of these men were directly to the men who were guilty, but now if God gives a direct message to the crowd and some-

one gets offended, some of the pastors will take you to the side and say, "Brother, I got you here to preach Jesus, and want you to sugar-coat your messages to suit the crowd." Thank God for the sugar ration.

The revival at Pentecost was backed up by personal evangelism. Matthew 10. Now when Jesus had called His disciples and sent them to preach to the lost sheep of Israel, they went their way with power, prayer, divine healing, signs, and the tour turned out to be an old-time revival. Hear them on their return, "Why, Lord, even the spirits were subject to our power through your name." Brother, no wonder Pentecost came with great

conviction. Personal evangelism had preceded it. Three thousand souls were saved. My! what a revival, what power, what conviction, what a baptizing, what an addition to the Church, what glory in their souls, what fellowship, and they broke bread from house to house with ONE ACCORD.

Personal evangelism will always lead to mass evangelism. Brother, are we asleep? Are these precious souls slipping through our hands into eternity? Are we doing all we can to make the Church of God a great soul-saving station?

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### WHAT IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST?

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- 11; 1 Tim. 4:14.  
(4) Other revelations. Acts 11:28; 13:2, 4.  
(5) Better understanding of God's ways. 1 John 2:20, 27; John 16:13; 14:26.  
(6) Assurance. Acts 15:8; 1 John 3:24; 4:13.  
(7) Help. John 14:16; Rom. 8:26, 27; Jude 20.  
7. The necessity.

a. It is God's will to fill believers. Acts 2:39; Mark 1:8; John 1:32, 33.

b. God's command. Eph. 5:18; Luke 24:49.

c. For your good and the good of your fellow man. Zech. 4:6.

*Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? Acts 19:2. Tarry until.*

### REQUESTS (Cont. from page 2)

My body, I am in a very nervous condition, by heart bothers me and I have a goitre.—Mrs. Bessie Wood, Rt. 1, Box 103-C, Alabama City, Ala.

The healing of H. P. Golie's eyes.—Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Soderberg, Senate, Sask., Can.

My daughter.—Mrs. E. L. Parker, Rt. 1, Box 23, Perry, Fla.

The healing of my eyes.—Brother Ruben Wingate, 430 Crew St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

The healing of my little girl, sores are spreading all over her chin, nose and mouth; my husband.—Barbara Murdock, Spring City, Tenn.

Me to be healed of an ulcer on my ankle.—Mrs. Bertie Ivey, 109 New St., York, S. C.

My body to be completely healed and that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Offutt Morris, Box 151, South Lebanon, Ohio.

The Lord to heal my body; my family. Encouragement appreciated.—Rev. Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 3, Tullahoma, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my brother's eyes, a wasp stung him in one of his eyes and erysipelas has set up in it.—Mrs. W. E. Walker, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

The Lord to heal me of heart attacks.—Isabel Thomas, Box 213, Hammond, La.

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